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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 451
By Phillips

A RESOLUTION to honor the Bedford County Ambulance
Service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unreservedly of themselves in sustaining lives and providing comfort and counsel in times of physical duress; and

WHEREAS, the Bedford County Ambulance Service has been a source of tremendous pride for the community, having received national recognition from the National Association of Emergency Medical Training in 1996 for its response to emergency requests; and

WHEREAS, Bedford County Ambulance also received the highest rating and status, the "A" rating and Advanced Life Support status, reflecting the excellence of its employees; and

WHEREAS, they were asked by Life Star in Scotland, to organize a First Responder for that area in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Bedford County EMS set up First Responder Programs for the teachers in the county, to equip teachers with state-licensed medical training; and

WHEREAS, the Ambulance Service began in 1970 to later provide medical response for all of Bedford County; and

WHEREAS, the founding fathers were Dr. Earl Rich, Wade Arnold, Judge Nowlin Taylor, David Hastings and Charles Molder; and

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WHEREAS, the current board members are chairman Kenneth Lamb, Vice Chairman Larry Hasty, Jimmy Woodson, James Darden, and Joe McCurry.

WHEREAS, directed by Chad Graham, there are twenty full-time, twenty part-time, and volunteer workers.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we salute the numerous accomplishments of this fine group of technicians for their humanity and dedication to others; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate the Bedford County Ambulance Service for excellence in serving the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.